

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 are hereinabove cancelled without prejudice and Claims 7-15 are hereinabove added, leaving Claims 7-15 for consideration in the present application. No new matter is being introduced by this Amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the originally filed specification, claims and figures.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorneys at the below-listed telephone number regarding this Preliminary Amendment or otherwise regarding the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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